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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A disk drive comprising:

(a) a disk;

(b) a voice coil motor to rotate said disk;

(c) a slider including a magnetic head to record data to and/or

reproduce data from said disk;

(d) a load beam to suspend said slider in one end;

(e) a carriage;

(f) a head actuator provided between said carriage and one disk side end of said

load beam; and

(g) a coupling portion,

wherein said head actuator has a first piezoelectric element unit, second piezoelectric element unit and a coupling portion, and said first piezoelectric element unit is arranged approximately parallel to said second piezoelectric element unit, and said coupling portion couples said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

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13. (Original) The disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said coupling portion is provided with a slit, and said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit are coupled by said coupling portion at least in one end of said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit, and opposing surfaces of said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled)

17. (New) The disk device according to claim 12, wherein said coupling portion is composed of a flexible resin.

18. (New) The disk device according to claim 12, wherein said coupling portion is made from a material identical to a material utilized for a protective layer to cover said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

19. (New) The disk device according to claim 18, wherein said protective layer is composed of a resin.

20. (New) The disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit are formed from thin films.

21. (New) The disk drive according to claim 20, wherein said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit form a

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multilayered structure using two thin film piezoelectric element bodies, each consisting of a thin film piezoelectric element covered by a metal coating layer on top and bottom surfaces thereof, with an adhesive disposed between the thin film piezoelectric element bodies.

22. (New) The disk drive according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive layer is composed of resinous adhesives.

23. (New) The disk drive according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive layer is a weld coupling formed by both electrode metal layers being welded together.